Retrenchment in NPCC

3131. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 873 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether any supervisory officer was also shown surplus by the NPCC management; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI *SUSHILA ROHATGI*): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

FCI godown at Hubli

3132. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY by pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work for construction of F.C.I. godown at Hubli in Karnataka worth Rs. 2.56 crores was allotted to NPCC on turn-key basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the work has not been completed and the godown has been constructed only upto foundation level, which has also cracked and crumbled; and

(c) if so, whether any action is contemplated against the persons responsible for this bungling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work has not yet been completed. The structure has been constructed upto plinth level, where slight cracks have developed but no crumbling has been noticed

(c) The concerned officer has been suspended and enquiry has been instituted against him.

Power distribution system in the country

3133. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether power is diverted from surplus States to deficit States and to priority areas in the country,

(b) if so, what is the mode of power distribution from surplus areas|States to deficit areas|States in the present drought situation;

(c) whether formation of any integrated agency for power distribution in the country is under the consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) To mitigate the shortage, power is made available to the deficit System/States, to the extent possible, by way of transfer of surplus power as and when available in the neighbouring State|System The power systems in a region as well as contiguous systems in the neighbouring regions are interconnected and power flow takes place over the existing interconnections. The quantum of power transfer depends on actual availability and system conditions.

(c) and (d) The Regional Load Despatch Centres established in each of the five regions are helping in identifying the surplus power, prepare schedules for transfer of such power to needy States and monitor the same.

Payment to technical consultant by NLC

3134. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. is making further payment to its technical consultant M/s. Rheinbraun Consulting of West Germany

in spite of the fact that the consultant has not submitted so far any further report on the work of Second Mine Expansion Project of NLC;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the payment made so far to the same consultant; and

(c) what are the terms of payments?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) M/s. Rheinbraun Consulting have been submitting reports periodically and the following payments have been made to them:—

Advance payment—DMs 253659

Payment on prorata completion of activities—DMs 640949

(c) The terms of payment which have been approved by the FRG Financing Agency KFW are as follows:

(i) *Advance payment*

10 per cent of the total contract value against Bank Guarantee for equivalent amount to be furnished by the consultant.

(ii) *Payments for services*

Against invoices on quarterly basis for actual manmonths in Germany and in India for the work completed in the previous quarters.

(iii) *Retention money bank guarantee by the consultant*

10 per cent of the contract value before commencement of payment for services.

(iv) *Bank Guarantee for faithful performance of the contract by the consultant*

10 per cent of the contract value.

Second mine expansion project of NLC

3135. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited had invited one of the contending parties to its spreaders project for second mine expansion programme in or around August, 1987 to approve the question of award of contracts to MAN and WMN;

(b) whether the same party issued a press note in the form of letter to the editor in the Times of India of 13th August, 1987 (Delhi Edition captioned 'Mannesmann Demag'; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) This letter to the editor makes no mention of any meeting or discussion between Neyveli Lignite Corporation and any of the contending parties for Spreaders' Contract.

Contract to M/s. WMI Cranes Limited

3136. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the companies and corporation under the administrative jurisdiction of his Ministry are still employing M/s. WMI Cranes Limited, Bombay for some contractual jobs despite the fact that this company had never performed well anywhere;

(b) if so, what are the details of contracts awarded to this company either singly or jointly and which are still awaiting completion; and

(c) what action is contemplated in the matter so as to impose ban on the award of further contracts?